

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1227  
By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to recognize Hal Rector, Principal of Dyersburg Primary School, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Hal Rector is one such estimable educator who will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious thirty-six-year tenure in education, Mr. Rector has not only served Dyersburg Primary School with the utmost acumen and alacrity as its Principal, but he also served as a classroom teacher for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, born November 24, 1948, in Pikeville to W. L. and Helen Kyle Rector, Hal Rector received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in education from the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rector is a valuable member of numerous professional, civic, and community service organizations, including the Dyersburg Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the National Education Association, the Board of RoEllen Cemetery, and the Dyersburg Young Life Committee, which he previously served as chairman; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of RoEllen Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which he serves as elder, clerk of the session, Sunday School Superintendent, and Sunday School Teacher, Hal Rector generously volunteers his time to the Dyersburg-Dyer County Union Mission Camp each summer as a mentor of at-risk children of the Union Mission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rector is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator and educator who has worked assiduously to motivate his students and faculty to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Hal Rector truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Hal Rector is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Kay Elgin Rector, a teacher at Dyersburg Intermediate School, and his two children, Reverend Stacy Rector, pastor at Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville, and Kelly Rector Davis, an SIU Claim representative at State Farm Insurance in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Principal Hal Rector truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher and administrator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Mr. Hal Rector, Principal of Dyersburg Primary School, commending his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.